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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 653

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Darnell Gammon for meritorious service and bravery.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those persons who through their personal endeavors, are credits to their respective families and communities, and to this state; and

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the well-being of others and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans have always been willing to selflessly put aside concerns of their own personal safety and comfort to help someone desperately in need; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Gammon is one such outstanding individual who has served his fellow man with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for heroism; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County High School wrestler was on his way home from a wrestling match at William Blount High School when he came across an accident at the intersection of Peavine Road and Highway 70; and

WHEREAS, a vehicle driven by Mr. Larry Wallace, Jr. of LaVergne, had run through the intersection, over the guardrail, and landed upside down in a pond; and

WHEREAS, Darnell Gammon, along with some other bystanders, jumped into the dangerously frigid water, flipped over Mr. Wallace's vehicle and pulled him to safety; and

WHEREAS, Darnell removed Mr. Wallace from the vehicle and helped transport him to other bystanders on the shore, including Darnell's friend and fellow wrestler, Jimmy Dale, and a paramedic who happened upon the scene; and

WHEREAS, for his gallant efforts, Darnell Gammon was recognized by the Crossville Noon Rotary Club for his singular act of bravery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gammon exhibited tremendous bravery and ability during this time of great duress; he exemplifies the spirit and dedication that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Darnell Gammon of Cumberland County for his meritorious service and offer our thanks for a different job well done..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.